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May 8, 1981

Mr. James W. Smith, Jr.
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Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

RE: Silver State Mining, Inc.
Silver Creek Tailings
Summit County, Utah

Dear Mr. Smith:

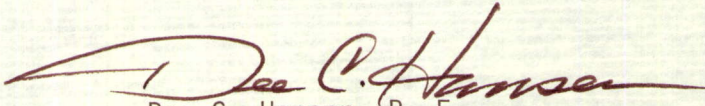
This office has completed its review of the Notice of Intention to Commence Mining Operations filed by the above mentioned Company. The details of the two ponds are lacking data such as slopes of berms, material to be used, compaction required, and liner installation.

Our records were researched and we could not find a water right application for the mining and reprocessing. This application must be completed and approved prior to diverting and using any waters.

We are, also, extremely concerned about the potential for contamination to the surface and groundwater networks within the watershed. I assume that the Department of Health will be asked to comment.

I request that construction plans and specifications for the ponds be submitted for my approval.

Sincerely,


Dee C. Hansen, P. E.
State Engineer

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cc: Rex Larsen
Silver State Mining, Inc.

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